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The UNKNOWN
...EXTENDING BEYOND THE
CONFINES OF THIS EARTH
ITSELF...AMAZINGLY REVEALED!
READ THIS TENSE, CHALLENGING
STORY...**"HOSPITALITY!"**

N-NO---IT **CAN'T** BE!
NO CREATURE LIKE **THAT**
COULD **LIVE!**





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Come on, Buddy, Quit being a BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

IN 10 MINUTES OF FUN A DAY **YOU Can do ALL I did!**

I gained **25 Terrific LBS. of HANDSOME POWER-PACKED MUSCLES** all over!

I improved my **HE-MAN LOOKS 1000%**

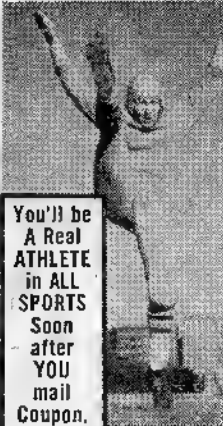
I won **NEW STRENGTH** for money-making work! for WINNING at all SPORTS!

I won **NEW POPULARITY** Won NEW FRIENDS, BOYS & GIRLS NEW CHANCES for BUSINESS SUCCESS

Hi, Pal! Win \$100 as I just did!

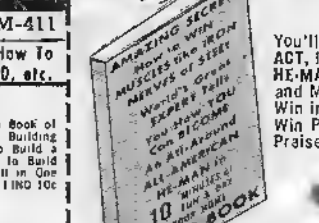
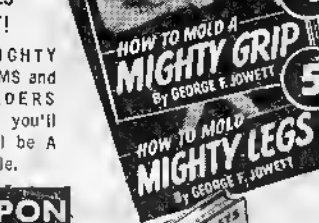


"I'm PROUD to be seen with Jim NOW! Every-body admires his build," says Nellie. "Jim can lift the front of a 2700 lb. car. He amazes his friends!"



You'll be A Real ATHLETE in ALL SPORTS Soon after YOU mail Coupon.

Jim is a WINNER in ALL SPORTS NOW. YOU will be, too, soon.



YOU CAN WIN a BIG 15" SILVER CUP as I just did with YOUR NAME engraved on it!



JIM NORMAN

AFTER

He Mailed Coupon Below is Cleveland

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon

90 lb. Skeleton He says, I gained 70 lbs. of mighty muscle



COME ON, PAL. NOW YOU give me 10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

"Congratulations, John! At last you mailed the coupon as EVERY MAN should. Soon You'll be as big and strong as I am," says Jim Norman to John Luckus

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are I'll make you OVER by the SAME method I turned myself from a wreck to the strongest of the strong. Why can't I do for you what I did for MANY THOUSANDS of skinny fellows like You?

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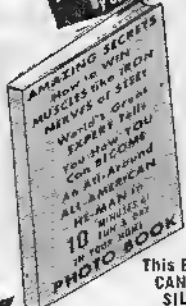
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FROM THE MOMENT IT LEFT EARTH, WITH A HUGE HISSING AND ROARING SOUND, TILL THOSE MOMENTS AFTERWARDS, WHEN IT CHURCHED UPWARDS THROUGH THE RAPIDLY THINNING ATMOSPHERE OF OUTER SPACE, THERE WAS NOTHING TO DISTINGUISH THIS ROCKET FROM ANY OTHER IN THE VAST HOME FLEET! ITS DEPARTURE AND ASCENT WERE MARKED BY NO PARTICULAR NOR DISTURBING INCIDENT! ITS RISE WAS IN THE ACCEPTED VERTICAL TANGENT--- WITH THE BULLET-SHAPED NOSE POINTED AT THE STARS, WHILE BEHIND, A DRIFTING SHOWER OF GLOWING SPARKS FELL SILENTLY BACK UPON THE DWINDLING EARTH---

HOSPITALITY!



BUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT WAS ASSUREDLY PRESENT! IT WASN'T IN THE VAST ARRAY OF LUMINOUS DIALS OR THE HUMMING MACHINERY BUT IN THE PIERCING, ALMOST UNBLINKING EYES OF COMMANDER ARMON BOL---

Kenneth Landau

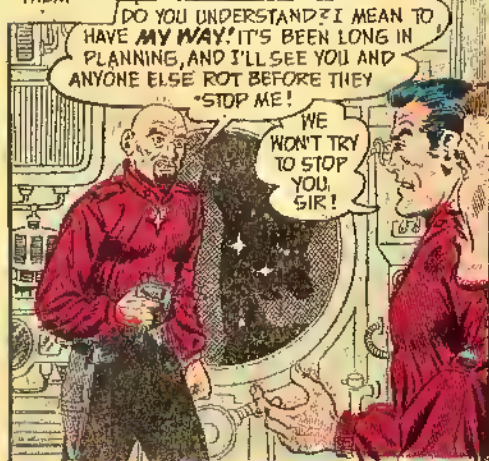
READY FOR COURSE INSTRUCTIONS, SIR!

FOURTEEN DEGREES NORTH OF AXIS--- ACCELERATION ELEVEN LIGHT SPEEDS!

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, SIR! OUR ORDERS CLEARLY---

HANG THOSE ORDERS, VORN! I'M IN COMMAND, AND I'M ISSUING NEW ONES!

YES...THE DIFFERENCE WAS IN THE EYES, WITH THEIR SUDDEN ILLUMINATION, AND THE LEAPING FLAMES OF MADNESS THAT BURNED WITHIN THEM...



DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I MEAN TO HAVE **MY WAY!** IT'S BEEN LONG IN PLANNING, AND I'LL SEE YOU AND ANYONE ELSE ROT BEFORE THEY STOP ME!

WE WON'T TRY TO STOP YOU, SIR!

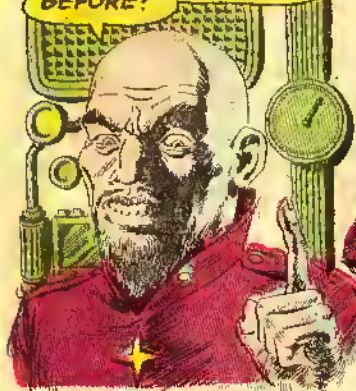
FOR A LONG MOMENT THERE WAS NOTHING BUT THE SOUND OF THE CLICKING RELAYS! SLOWLY, THE BRIGHT PINPOINTS OF LIGHT DREW BACK INTO THE SHADY DEPTHS FROM WHICH THEY HAD SPRUNG, AND A SNICKERING GRIN PUCKERED THE THIN LIPS INTO A GROTESQUE SNEER...



GOOD! I HAVE **RESPECT** FOR YOU, VORN! THAT'S WHY I WANTED YOU ALONG! I'LL NEED YOUR STAMINA AND YOUR KIND OF COURAGE WHERE WE'RE GOING!

AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

WE'RE CROSSING THE GALAXY LINE IN THE DIRECTION OF **XENON!** THERE ARE THINGS OUT THERE I WANT TO KNOW, THINGS I HAVE TO SEE! WE'RE GOING TO **PIONEER, VORN!** WE'RE GOING TO SUCCEED WHERE NO HUMAN HAS SUCCEEDED BEFORE!



IT'S **SUICIDE!** FOR THIRTY YEARS, HUNDREDS OF SEPARATE MISSIONS HAVE TRIED PENETRATING THE XENON QUADRANT, BUT NONE HAVE COME BACK! WHY SHOULD WE FARE ANY BETTER?



BECAUSE I AM DEDICATED TO SUCCEED WHERE THEY FAILED!



WE CAN DO IT, YOU AND I! WE CAN COVER OURSELVES WITH FAME AND GLORY! WE CAN PUSH BACK THE BORDERS OF SPACE TO NEW HORIZONS NEVER BEFORE ENVISIONED! I AM NOT ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!... I'M **DEMANDING IT!**

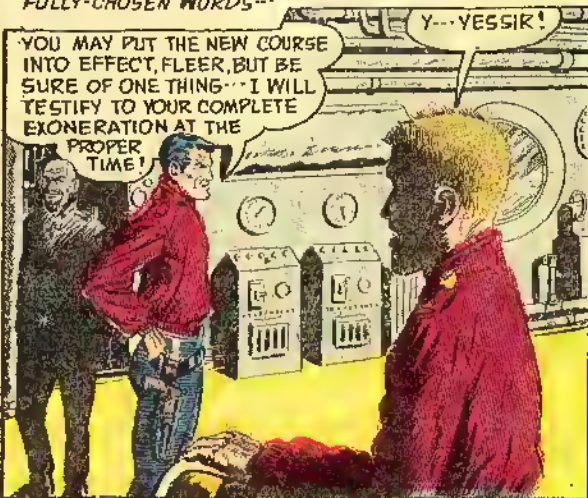


AS YOU WISH, COMMANDER...

...BUT I OBEY UNDER DURESS! I RESPECT YOUR AUTHORITY AS OUR LEADER, BUT UPON OUR RETURN I WILL SUBMIT A FULL REPORT TO THE REGIONAL COMMAND!



SLOWLY, VORN TURNED TOWARDS THE SECOND OFFICER AND THE TONE OF HIS VOICE ADDED SOLEMNITY TO THE CAREFULLY-CHOSEN WORDS...



YOU MAY PUT THE NEW COURSE INTO EFFECT, FLEER, BUT BE SURE OF ONE THING... I WILL TESTIFY TO YOUR COMPLETE EXONERATION AT THE PROPER TIME!

Y...YESSIR!

TIME PASSED, AND THE GLEAMING, HURLING FORM PLOWED ITS FIERY WAKE THROUGH THE COLD VOID OF LIMITLESS SPACE... INTO THE VACANT, UNCHARTED SEAS OF INKY GLOOM AND MEASURELESS DEPTHS...



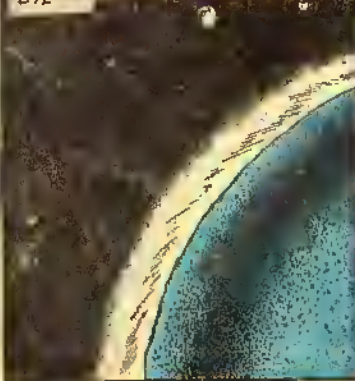
ON AND ON IT CHURNED, AND THEN COMMANDER BOL'S CRY SHATTERED THE SILENCE...



THEY CAME ON THE DOUBLE, THEIR FACES PRESSED AGAINST THE PORT-HOLE GLASS, AND THE AMAZEMENT AT WHAT THEY SAW SPREAD SLOWLY ACROSS THEIR FEATURES! IT WAS SURPRISE INDEED, AND IT WAS MORE... MUCH MORE...



FOR LOOMING AT THEM, LIKE A MIGHTY COLOSSUS, WAS THE PLANET XENON! A LONELY GIANT, WREATHED IN A VAPOROUS SWIRL OF ATMOSPHERIC MIST, ITS STRANGE SURFACE GLOW SEEMINGLY DREW THEM ONWARD LIKE A BECKONING EYE...

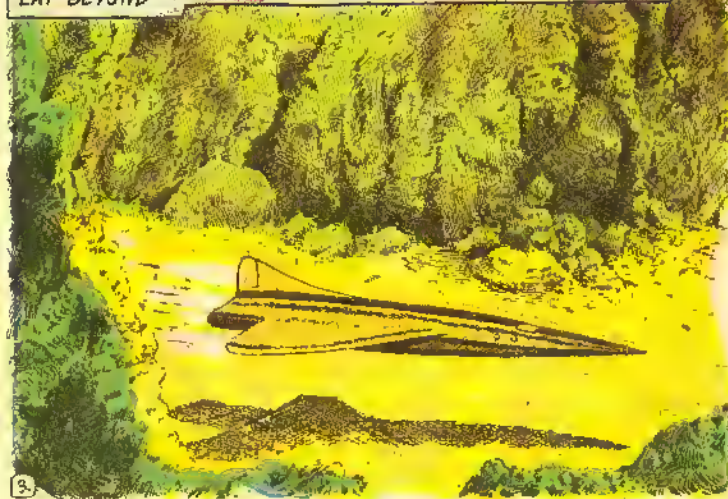


AND AT THE CONTROLS THE TWO MEN SWEATED AND STRAINED, WHILE COMMANDER BOL, A BALL OF NERVOUS TENSION, SPAT OUT THE ORDERS THROUGH CLENCHED TEETH...

CHECK THE GRAVITATIONAL ALL REFLECTORS AND COR- CORREC- RECT BALLAST! CUT TIONS INDI- ACCELERATION TO CATED, SIR.. QUARTER SPEED REVERSE TUR- AND PREPARE TO BINES ENGAGED! LAND!



WITH A SWOOPING MOTION, THEY CAME IN! DOWN THROUGH A NARROW PASS... BETWEEN TWO TOWERING PEAKS, AND TO THE VALLEY WHICH LAY BEYOND...



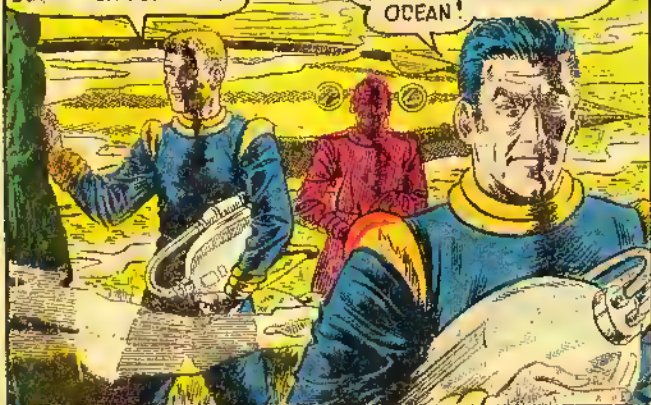
SECONDS LATER THEY MADE CONTACT, BOUNCED TWICE AND THEN DRUNCHED TO A FULL HALT...



THE DOOR TO THEIR SHIP SLID BACK WITH A RASPY CLANG, AND THEY STEPPED OUT INTO THE MISTY, ATMOSPHERIC HAZE OF THE PLANET XENON!

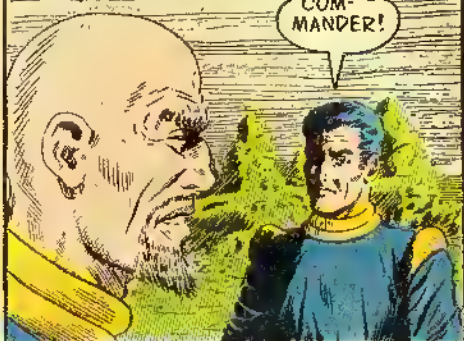
NOT BAD! AT LEAST WE CAN BREATHE THE STUFF WITHOUT USING OUR HELMETS!

IT REMINDS ME OF MY PLACE ON EARTH! WE'D USUALLY GET A FOG LIKE THIS COMING IN OFF THE OCEAN!



OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO DISCOVER WHETHER OR NOT THIS PLANET SUPPORTS LIFE! IF IT DOES, THEN WE'LL WANT TO KNOW ITS DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT DATA! WE'LL MAKE AN IMMEDIATE ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SUCH CONTACT!

VERY WELL, COMMANDER!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, VORN? I KEEP THINKING OF THE OTHER MISSIONS! MAYBE THE MEN STOOD RIGHT HERE... THE WAY WE ARE NOW!

I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING, BUT I CAN'T COME UP WITH AN ANSWER! THIS IS A VAST PLANET, FLEET! A THOUSAND TIMES LARGER THAN EARTH, AND WITH A MILLION MORE MYSTERIES!

THEN ONCE AGAIN COMMANDER BOL'S VOICE BROKE IN UPON THEM...



HURRY--- UP HERE! HURRY!

THEIR EYES BULGED WITH AWE AS THEY STARED DOWN INTO THE PLAIN BELOW---

IT'S A CITY!

BUT THE HOUSES! THEY'RE TREMENDOUS!

THEY DWARF EVERYTHING I'VE SEEN IN THE GALAXY--- EVERYTHING!



IT WAS COMMANDER BOL WHO INSISTED THAT THEY GO DOWN! AND THEY DID, WITH THEIR BOOTS STRIKING AGAINST THE COBBLE-STONES, AND THE BUILDINGS TOWERING ABOVE THEM--- REMOTE, ALOOF AND STRANGELY SILENT...

WE'LL SOON HAVE THEM UP AND BUZZING! ONCE THEY KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE FROM, THERE'LL BE NOISE APLENTY!



IT WAS ALSO COMMANDER BOL'S IDEA TO STOP BEFORE ONE OF THE HUGE DOORS! HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THEIR COMING WOULD BE JUBILANTLY RECEIVED... THAT THEIR ARRIVAL WAS A TRIUMPH THAT DEMANDED INSTANT APPRECIATION---

HADN'T WE BETTER GO EASY, COMMANDER? WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MISSIONS THAT LEFT FOR XENON? WHY WAS NOTHING EVER HEARD FROM THEM?

I'M NOT CONCERNED WITH THEM, VORN, NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST!



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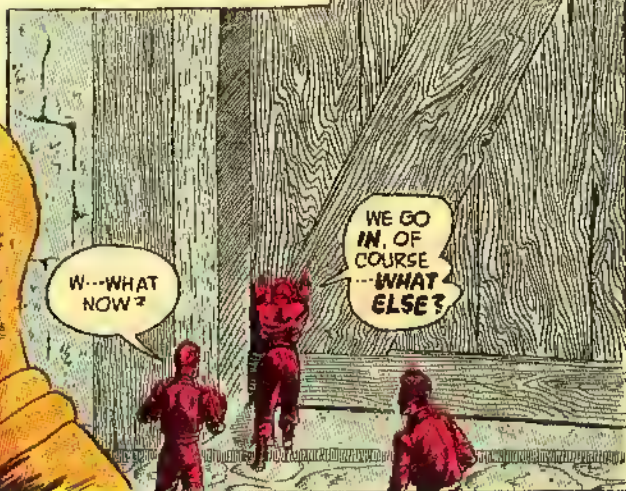
YOU SEE, I HAVE MY OWN THEORY ABOUT THEM, LIEUTENANT! I SAY THEY **NEVER REACHED XENON!** THEY COULD HAVE GONE ASTRAY IN FLIGHT FOR A HUNDRED DIFFERENT REASONS! THE MAGNETIC FIELDS COULD HAVE GOT THEM, OR A METEOR SWARM! WE ARE THE FIRST TO REACH HERE, VORN! **THE VERY FIRST!**

SLOWLY, BDL APPLIED PRESSURE, AND THE DOOR SWUNG GENTLY INWARD TO HIS TOUCH...



W...WHAT NOW?

WE GO IN, OF COURSE...WHAT ELSE?



Their **FANATICAL COMMANDER** CROSSED THE THRESHOLD AND THE OTHER TWO FOLLOWED SUIT! IT WAS NO LONGER THE PROMPTING OF MERE DUTY THAT MADE THEM GO, BUT THE POWERFUL URSING OF A GROWING CURIOSITY...



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WHATEVER THEY ARE THEY--

HOLD IT! I HEAR SOMETHING!

IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE ABOVE...A HOLLOW, BOOMING SOUND! A SOUND THAT SENT THE BLOOD RUSHING THROUGH THEIR VEINS, AND CAUSED THEIR HEARTS TO THUD...

THUMP! THUMP!

IT'S COMING THIS WAY! RUN...RUN!

FLEEER... WAIT!



NO! GOT TO NICE...GOT TO...



FOR A MOMENT THE COMMANDER HELD HIS GROUND! FALSE PRIDE NAILED HIM TO THE SPOT, DESPITE THE RISING TERROR THAT SENT THE CLAMMY SWEAT COURSEING DOWN HIS FACE...

COME BACK, YOU COWARDS! WE'LL FACE IT TOGETHER!

THUMP! THUMP!



THEN TERROR TRIUMPHED, AND HE RAN...

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!



THE LONG MOMENTS TICKED BY, AND THE THREE CRINGED IN THEIR HIDING PLACE, THE SOUND OF THEIR WILDLY-BEATING HEARTS POUNDING IN THEIR EARS---

AND OUTSIDE THE SILENCE GREW LIKE THE INSIDIOUS EVIL OF A CREEPING FOG---



THEY---THEY'RE OUT THERE! I TELL YOU, THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE!

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE CRAZY---



I-I'M TELLING YOU I CAN SENSE SOMETHING OUT THERE! I CAN FEEL---

STOP WHIMPERING! WE KNOW SOMETHING IS OUT THERE, BUT WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN THAT IT'S UN-FRIENDLY! WE'LL HAVE TO TRY CONTACTING IT, AND WE WON'T USE OUR WEAPONS EXPECT AS A FINAL DEFENSE!



WHEN HE CALLED OUT, HIS VOICE WAS STEADY AND CLEAR! HE FELT THE SITUATION TO BE WELL IN HAND---



WE ARE FROM EARTH! WE ARE FRIENDS AND HAVE COME IN PEACE! IF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE TO YOU, IF YOU RECOGNIZE US AS BEING A THINKING ANIMAL FORM, SUCH AS YOURSELVES, THEN GIVE US A SIGN!

LISTEN! THEY'RE MOVING ABOUT!

I THINK THEY UNDERSTOOD! I THINK I GOT THROUGH TO THEM! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT AND SEE!



SO THEY WAITED, AND IT WASN'T TOO LONG BEFORE THEY NOTICED! IT CAME THEIR WAY WITH INCREASING INTENSITY, UNTIL IT PERMEATED THEIR NOSTRILS WITH OVERPOWERING FORCE---

FOOD!

IT SMELLS DELICIOUS!

I KNEW IT! THEY UNDERSTOOD! IT'S THEIR SIGN! THEY'RE BIDDING US WELCOME!



LOOK! IT IS FOOD, ALL RIGHT! WE'D BETTER GO OUT AND TASTE SOME OF IT! DON'T WANT TO OFFEND THEM NOW!

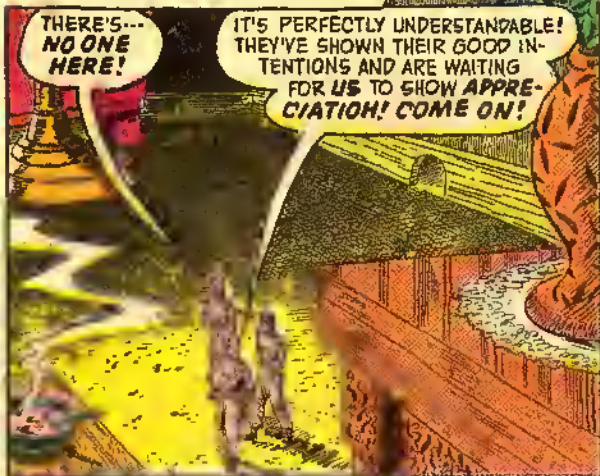


THEY CAME OUT WITH COMMANDER BOL IN THE LEAD! INTO THE LEADEN SILENCE OF THE VAST ROOM... WITH THE THICK, FRAGRANT ODOR HEAVY IN THE AIR...

THERE'S... NO ONE HERE!

IT'S PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE! THEY'VE SHOWN THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS AND ARE WAITING FOR US TO SHOW APPRECIATION! COME ON!

HERE WE GO, AND MAKE IT LOOK GOOD AFTER WE'VE HAD SOME! THEY'RE PROBABLY PEEPING OUT FROM SOMEWHERE TO WATCH OUR REACTION!



BUT AS COMMANDER BOL DREW FORTH THE LADLE, A SUDDEN SOUND BROUGHT THEIR HEADS UP FAST... AND A VAST, PROFOUND TERROR FLASHED WILDLY FROM THEIR BULGING EYES!



IN ONE RESPECT, COMMANDER BOL WAS RIGHT! THEY WERE PEEPING OUT FROM SOMEWHERE, AND NOW THEY SHUFFLED FORWARD AND EXAMINED THEIR DANGLING CATCH...

STRANGE, AREN'T THEY? THE MINISTRY HAS NEVER FIGURED OUT WHAT THEY ARE, OR WHERE THEY COME FROM!

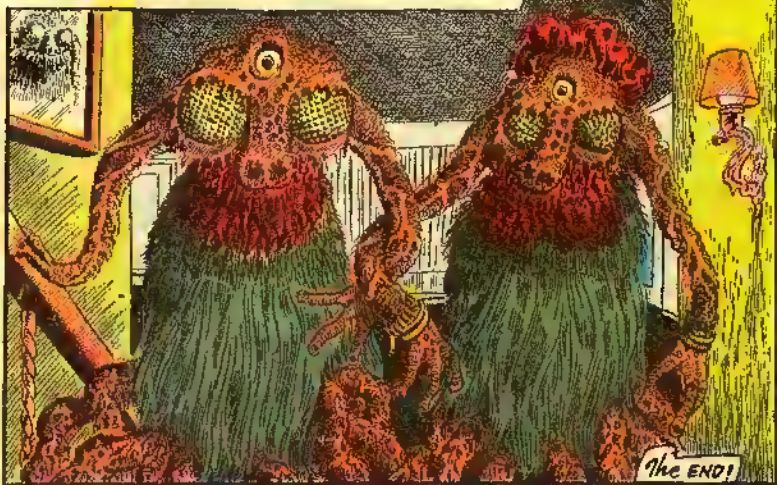
AND I DON'T CARE! JUST GET RID OF THE DISGUSTING LITTLE THINGS!



AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED! WITH A CASUAL TOSS, THE VALIANT TRIO OF SPACEMEN WENT HURLING TOWARDS THE GROUND... ANOTHER MISSION TO BE UNACCOUNTED FOR...



WHILE INSIDE, THE TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE, THE VERY NORMAL INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET XENON, MOUNTED THE STAIRS FOR THEIR BEDROOM AND THEIR INTERRUPTED NIGHT'S SLEEP...



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BIG as a MAN

PROFESSOR Andrew Somers was a herpetologist—that is, a scientist interested in the study of reptiles. Most people choose their occupations because they like them—but with Professor Somers, it was different. He was a herpetologist because he hated snakes—and his profession gave him the opportunity of torturing them. There was nothing he'd rather do than sink his scalpel into the living flesh of some reptile, and watch it squirm its life away under the pain of his probing. He had no fear of his subjects—which was more than could be said for his assistant, little Otto Schultz. Little Otto was a capable scientist and knew his snakes—but he was deathly afraid of them. And Somers' sadistic nature gave him no rest. He would imitate the sound of rattles behind Otto's back, just in order to see the little man leap aside in panic—and once he had put a dead snake into his assistant's bed, almost frightening the poor man out of his wits.

There was ample opportunity for Somers to practice his cruel practical jokes, because he was presently engaged in trying to discover an effective anti-venom to be used for rattlesnake bite. He got his brilliant idea from a discovery which Otto Schultz made. At the base of a rattlesnake's skull, it seemed, there was a strange gland, filled with an even stranger fluid. It didn't seem to have any use, or to even go anywhere. "It—it's like the very essence of a reptile," said Schultz. "It even *smells* like a snake—and I don't want to have anything to do with it!" Here he shivered, and Professor Somers allowed a grim smile to cross his lips. Schultz's fear of snakes amused him—the little man had lately provided himself with a submachine-gun, just in the event that some snake should chance to attack him. And this was exactly what Somers had planned. If a dead snake had driven his assistant into a dither, just imagine what a *live* rattlesnake would do! At the same time, it wasn't his intention that the snake kill Schultz. His scientific knowledge was too valuable an asset for Somers to lose. So what the Professor did was to take his largest rattler—a gigantic serpent of well over six feet—and remove its poison sacs. Then, in a dexterous operation, he connected the strange gland at the base of the snake's skull with its hollow

fangs. Oh, it was a *wonderful* idea! He'd make sure that Schultz encountered the big rattler accidentally, and the snake would strike, injecting the fluid into the small man, who'd think it was poisonous venom.

And so it went. The operation on the big rattlesnake was performed perfectly. Somers regarded its slowly squirming body with grim satisfaction. It was still under anesthetic—but now its fangs were connected with the gland which Schultz had termed the very essence of a reptile—*whatever* it was. The Professor reached for the snake, intending to put it back in its cage—and then it happened. The rattler coiled, struck like lightning. Again and again it struck, its fangs sinking deep into Somers, filling his veins with the strange, unknown fluid.

Otto Schultz was just outside his tent, busy with some routine task, when he heard the monstrous buzzing. It took a while for it to penetrate; for him to recognize it as the warning signal of a rattler—for it was a hundred times as loud as any rattler he had ever heard. He whirled—and almost fainted. No, no—it *couldn't* be true! For there, coiled and confronting him, was the most monstrous snake he had ever seen—a huge creation out of some awful nightmare! It was as thick as a man, its eyes blazing with hatred, a huge fork tongue darting in and out of its mouth. Almost paralyzed with terror, Otto realized that it was about to strike. Blindly he recoiled—and his hand fell upon the stock of his submachine gun. It was a miracle that he could even move, swing the Tommy-gun up; take instant aim—and then cut loose with a volley of bullets that shot the head off the gigantic rattler.

It was a mystery in scientific circles that still hasn't died down. The body of the man-sized snake was placed on exhibition, skillfully mounted and restored where the bullets had done the most damage. A minor mystery concerned the six-foot rattler that was found in Somers' desert laboratory, dead as a result of exertion too soon following some operation that the reptile had undergone. Scientists agreed that these strange happenings were something that Professor Andrew Somers would have reveled in—if only the Professor could be found. But oddly enough, he had disappeared completely—and to this day, no trace of him has ever been found.

THE DARK POWERS HAD ORDAINED THAT NONE SHOULD DISTURB THE SLEEP OF AMON-RA! FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS, THE GREAT PHARAOH HAD SLEPT IN PEACE--UNTIL TITUS GREEDE FOOLISHLY DARED TO CHALLENGE THE CURSE! HOW COULD HE KNOW THAT HIS DOOM WAS ALREADY SEALED... THAT FATE HAD ALREADY PREPARED A --

TOMB for TITUS!



DAY AFTER DAY, TITUS GREEDE DROVE HIS SAFARI MERCILESSLY ACROSS THE EGYPTIAN SANDS IN HIS ETERNAL HUNT FOR FORGOTTEN TOMBS!

LOOK HOW THE EFFENDI GREEDE BEATS THE BEASTS WITHOUT PITY!

TRULY, BROTHER, HIS IS A HEART OF STONE!



AND YET I HAVE HEARD HE IS A LEARNED MAN WHO SEARCHES FOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST!

NOT FOR KNOWLEDGE... BUT TO PLUNDER THE GRAVES OF OUR ANCESTORS! HIS CARAVANS ARE LADEN WITH THE LOOT OF CENTURIES!



YES, THE NATIVES KNEW HIM WELL -- FOR EACH NIGHT TITUS GREEDE GLOATED OVER THE SPOILS HE HAD STOLEN FROM A HUNDRED TOMBS...

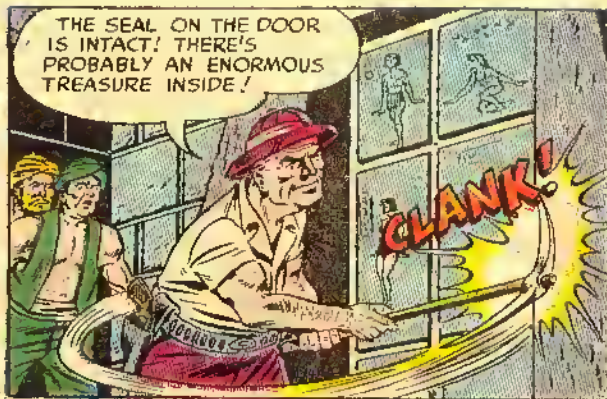
THERE'S A FORTUNE HERE IN GOLD AND JEWELS! SOON I'LL HAVE ALL THE WEALTH I'LL EVER NEED! JUST ONE MORE TOMB, AND THAT'LL BE THE LAST!



ONE MORE TOMB! HOW OFTEN HAD TITUS MADE THAT MACABRE VOW! BUT HIS UNQUENCHABLE AVARICE DROVE HIM ON UNCEASINGLY FROM GRAVE TO GRAVE! UNTIL--ONE DAY--



THOSE INSCRIPTIONS-- IT'S THE TOMB OF AMOH-RA, GREATEST OF THE PHARAONS!



TREMBLING WITH GREED, HE BROKE INTO THE TOMB! BUT THERE IN THE PASSAGWAY--AN EERIE FIGURE--



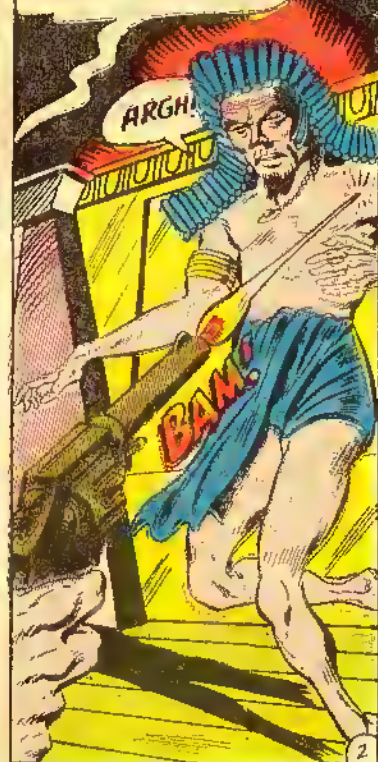
FOOLISH MORTAL! WHY DO YOU VIOLATE THE HOME OF THE DEAD? WHY DO YOU DISTURB THEIR SLEEP? IS IT TO ROB AND PILLAGE?



THEN KNOW **THIS!** THE TOMB OF AMON-RA IS GUARDED BY TERRIBLE FORCES--FORCES WHICH NO MORTAL MAY UNDERSTAND! **BACK--** BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

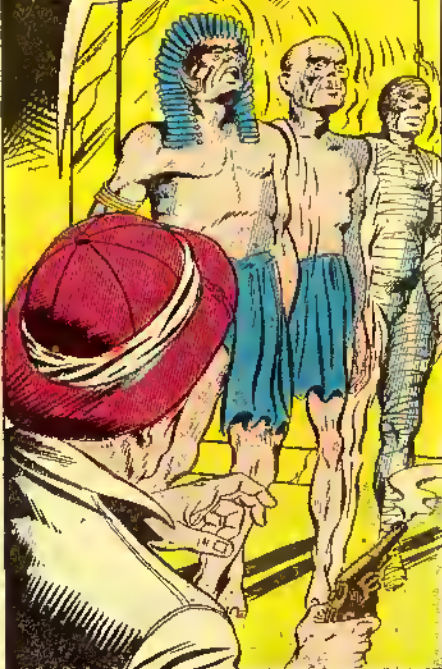


OUT OF MY WAY, OR I'LL--



GREEDE'S ANGER HAD BEEN QUICK, BUT AS HIS BULLET STRUCK HOME HE KNEW AN UNSPEAKABLE HORROR!

HE'S -- **CHANGING!**
HE'S SHRIVELLING
BEFORE MY VERY
EYES -- INTO
OTHER
FIGURES --



A MUMMY! A THREE THOUSAND
YEAR OLD MUMMY! NO! IT'S ALL
A HALLUCINATION!

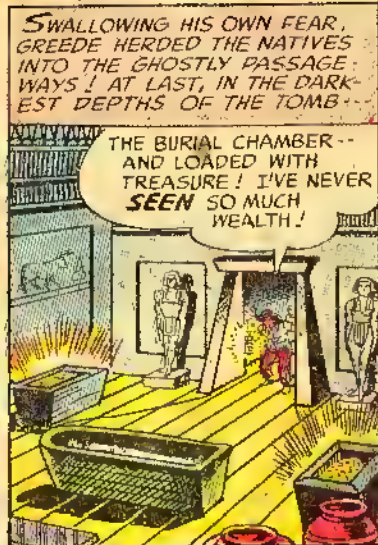


ALL RIGHT, GET HOLD
OF YOURSELVES, YOU
COWARDLY BEGGARS!
WE'VE GOT TO
SEARCH FOR THE
BURIAL ROOM AND
THE TREASURE OF
AMON-RA!



SWALLOWING HIS OWN FEAR,
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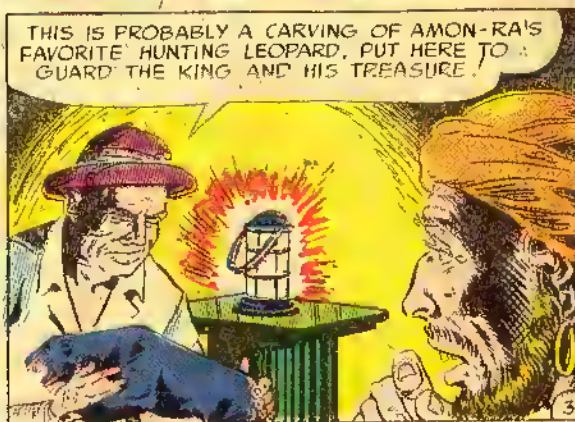
LOOK! THAT
SHADOW ON
THE WALL!
AAH! EEE!



YOU FOOLS! IT WAS JUST THE SHADOW OF THAT
STATUETTE! THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS OFTEN
BURIED STATUES OF THEIR PHARAOHS' FAVORITE
SERVANTS AND ANIMALS TO KEEP THEIR RULEK
COMPANY IN THE GRAVE!



THIS IS PROBABLY A CARVING OF AMON-RA'S
FAVORITE HUNTING LEOPARD, PUT HERE TO
GUARD THE KING AND HIS TREASURE.



TO GUARD THE TREASURE? THEN **THAT** IS WHY THOSE EYES ARE AFLAME WITH HATRED AND RAGE!

BAH! YOU SUPERSTITIOUS FOOL, THOSE EYES ARE NOTHING BUT A COUPLE OF PRECIOUS STONES!



ALL RIGHT, NOW, ALL OF YOU GET BUSY! CLEAR OUT THIS VAULT! GET THE GOLD AND JEWELS UP TO THE SURFACE AT ONCE!

YES, EFFENDI! WE HEAR AND OBEY!



AS FOR **THIS** ANGRY-LOOKING BEGGAR, I'LL JUST TAKE HIM ALONG WITH ME! WITH THOSE JEWELLED EYES, HE SHOULD BE WORTH A TIDY SUM BACK IN CIVILIZATION!



NIGHTFALL INTERRUPTED THE PILLAGE! IN A HASTILY PITCHED CAMP NEAR THE TOMB--

ALL RIGHT, ABDUL I'VE PUT ALL THE TREASURE IN THIS TENT! NOW SEE THAT YOU GUARD IT BETTER THAN THE **LEOPARD** DID FOR AMON-RA!

EFFENDI, DO NOT JEST! EVEN NOW THE BEAST WATCHES US!



I TELL YOU, EFFENDI, THOSE EYES MOVE! THEY FOLLOW US EVERYWHERE!

OH, THOSE SUPERSTITIONS OF YOURS MAKE ME NERVOUS! I'M GOING BACK TO MY OWN TENT AND SLEEP!



ONCE MORE, TITUS GREEDER SHRUGGED OFF HIS VAGUE AND HAUNTING FEARS! BUT THAT NIGHT HE AWOKE IN THE GRIP OF UNSPEAKABLE TERROR--

IT'S THE SHADOW OF A GIANT **LEOPARD**!



HELP! THE LEOPARD-- HE'S AFTER ME!

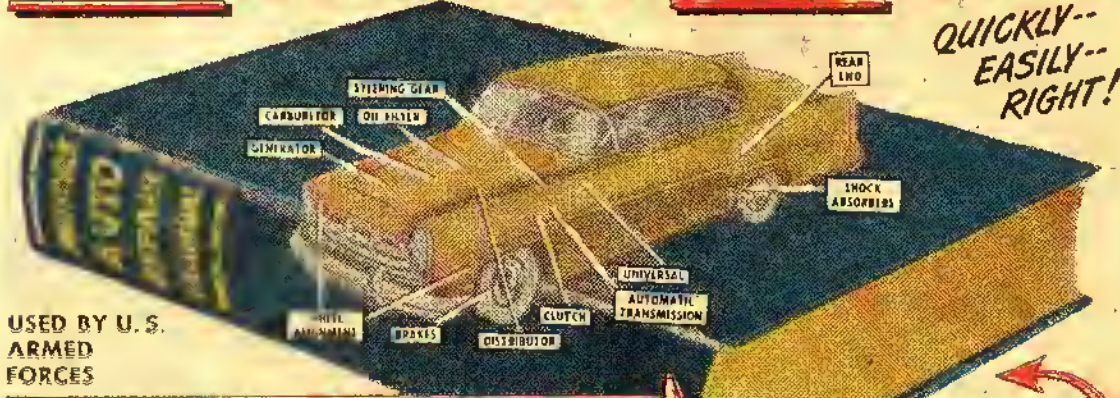


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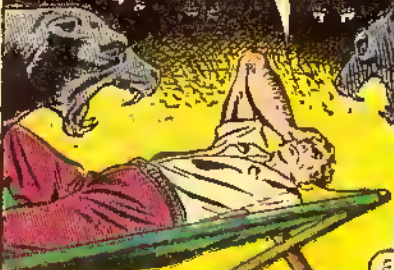
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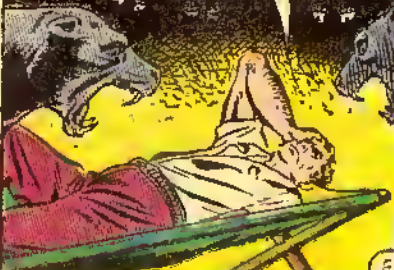
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OF EVIL!...
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ALL NIGHT LONG HE TREMBLED, CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF A STRANGE FEAR--AS THE MENACING TREAD OF A JUNGLE BEAST PURSUED HIM THROUGH THE DARK CORRIDORS OF HIS MIND...



NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE! IT'S ONLY MY IMAGINATION!

BUT IN THE MORNING, HIS FEARS BECAME GRIM REALITY!

LEOPARD TRACKS! AND COMING UP RIGHT PAST MY TENT!

BUT EFFENDI! WE GUARDED YOUR TENT ALL NIGHT! WE SAW NO LEOPARD!



THIS IS BAD! FIRST THAT GUARD IS KILLED, HIS THROAT TORN BY FANGS ---AND NOW THESE UNEXPLAINED TRACKS! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--WE'LL TRAIL THE BEAST AND KILL IT!



YOU, THERE! YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO FOLLOW THAT CAT!

NO! EFFENDI, PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ME GO! I AM AFRAID!

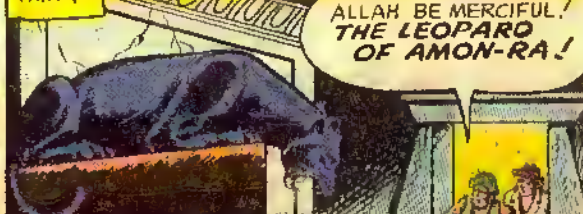


GET GOING! START FOLLOWING THAT TRAIL OR I'LL CUT YOU DOWN WHERE YOU STAND!

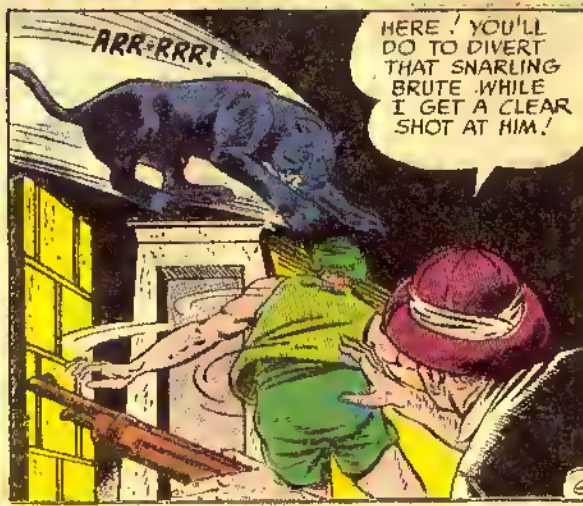
B-BUT EFFENDI-- THE TRACKS LEAD INTO THE TOMB!



FORCING THE NATIVE AHEAD OF HIM, GREEDER ENTERED THE DARK TOMB! BUT AS HE PLUNGED INTO THE DARK PASSAGES, TERROR ASSAILED HIM!



ALLAH BE MERCIFUL! THE LEOPARD OF AMON-RA!

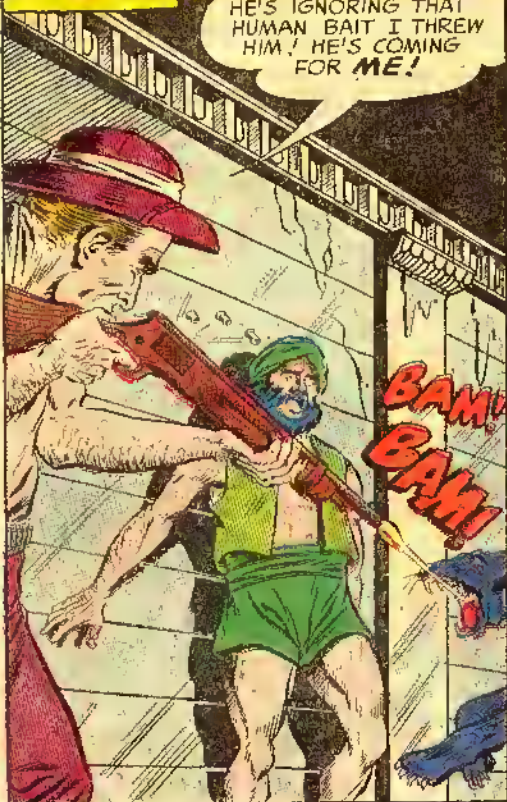


ARR-RRR!

HERE! YOU'LL DO TO DIVERT THAT SNARLING BRUTE WHILE I GET A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM!

BUT THOSE GHASTLY, BALEFUL EYES SEEMED TO SEE NOTHING BUT TITUS GREEDE!

HE'S IGNORING THAT HUMAN BAIT I THREW HIM! HE'S COMING FOR ME!



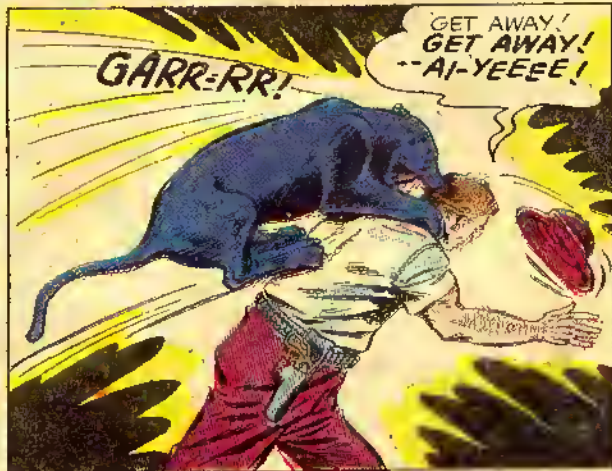
BAM!
BAM!

THE BULLETS SEEMED TO GO RIGHT THROUGH HIM! HE'S UNHARMED!



GET AWAY!
GET AWAY!
--AI-YEEEE!

GARR-RR!



SEE, IT WAS AS I TOLD YOU--IT WAS A LEOPARD THAT KILLED HIM! THERE ARE THE FOOTPRINTS!

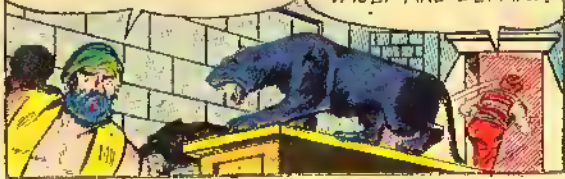
BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE SET OF LEOPARD TRACKS LEADING INTO THE CHAMBER-- AND NONE GOING OUT! HOW CAN THIS BE-- UNLESS--



AND THEN SUDDENLY THEY SAW IT--THE EERIE ANSWER TO THEIR GHASTLY RIDDLE!

THE LEOPARD OF AMON-RA-- BACK ON ITS PEDESTAL! COULD THAT BIT OF CARYEN STONE--???

FLEE, MY BROTHER! IF WE VALUE OUR LIVES, WE WILL RETURN THE TREASURE TO THIS VAULT AND DEPART!



AND SO IT WAS THAT AMON-RA SLEPT PEACEFULLY ONCE MORE! BUT AS FOR TITUS GREED, FATE HAD STILL ONE MORE GRIM JEST IN STORE FOR HIM!

YES, IT IS ONLY JUST THAT WE LEFT HIM THERE IN THE BURIAL CHAMBER! FOR DID HE NOT OFTEN VOW THAT HIS NEXT TOMB WOULD BE HIS LAST?



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GATHER around, all you faithful fans of "*Adventures Into The Unknown*!" There are important matters to discuss, and we'd like your closest attention. Our principal subject, at this meeting, concerns protests which have arisen regarding certain so-called "horror" comics magazines—and how such publications have operated to the injury of saner magazines.

To begin with, let's face certain facts. The purpose of a magazine is to entertain—and, speaking for ourselves, we have at all times attempted to do so by bringing to our nationwide readership suspenseful stories which thrill. But we've always attempted to observe the bounds of decency and good taste. Never have we made a policy of outright sensationalism; of horror for horror's sake. Instead, we've published such stories as our fathers and grandfathers before us have thrilled to, bringing them into the up-to-the-minute realm of the twentieth century through the effective use of thrilling pictures. We were the first magazine in the field to do this, but it wasn't long before we had imitators galore. Many found that they were unable to compete with the high standards which we'd established—and so turned to sensational horror to win the readership of those unable to discriminate. As violations of good taste increased—as pictorial content grew more and more lurid—it was inevitable that a wave of protest should come into being. Such protest is constructive, we feel—save where it attempts to condemn the entire realm of comics because of the sins of the few.

What we're trying to get at is, that "*Adventures Into the Unknown*" has never allowed itself to go to such lengths to win

readership, and never will. You, our readers, know this—so pass on the good word! As a concrete example of the type of decent and progressive fare stressing imaginative and fascinating story, we cite this current issue's contents. It starts off rousing with "*Hospitality!*" as exciting a tale of tense adventure in space as ever we've carried. "*Tomb For Tins!*" has as its setting the depths of an Egyptian tomb—it's fast-paced and eerie! "*The Madwoman*" is a story of weird justice—and "*The Rainbow Curse*" is as ingenious and challenging a plot as you'd ever want!

We want to know what you think of this issue—what you like and what you don't like. Please address your letters to The Editor, "*Adventures Into The Unknown*," 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. We'll publish your letter if space allows. Meanwhile, here's what some of our other readers are saying!

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading supernatural comics since I was a kid, but I never took time off to write to any of them until I picked up "*Adventures Into The Unknown*" at the newsstand. I sure enjoyed reading "*Jewels of the Deep*", to mention only one. Please keep up your outstanding work!

—M. L. Mesta, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve,
Los Angeles, Calif."

"Dear Editor:—

"*Adventures Into The Unknown*" was positively wonderful this month! Want to know why? Those wonderful stories—especially that spine-tingling "*Till Death Do Us Part*". Keep up the good work, and make the Unknown better known to everyone!

—Ted Hannon, Gander Air Port,
Newfoundland."

"Dear Editor:—

I'm very fond of "*Adventures Into The Unknown*". I'm 58 years old, and I want you to know that I've never read better stories. How can I subscribe to it from way over here? I'm eagerly awaiting your answer!

—Otto Redler, Heilbronn, Germany"

THE MADWOMAN

SHE'S DEAD, POOR THING! BUT IT'S BETTER THIS WAY... AFTER TEN YEARS IN A PADDED CELL!

YES! WELL, WE'D BETTER INFORM THE HUSBAND!

IN THE LAW OFFICES OF J. ROGER HENLEY...

SO SHE'S DEAD AT LAST, FINE! FINE! FINE! NOW I'M RID OF HER FOR GOOD!

BUT WAS IT... FOR GOOD? AT THAT MOMENT, AS THE SPIRIT OF THE DEAD WOMAN PASSED INTO THE BEYOND AND CAME BEFORE A DREAD TRIBUNAL...

WOMAN... CAN YOU TELL ME WHY THIS COURT SHOULD NOT PRONOUNCE ETERNAL JUDGMENT ON YOU NOW?

YES! I DIED UNAVENGED... AND MY BONES CAN KNOW NO REST! I REQUEST...

PASSAGE BACK TO LIFE!

IMPOSSIBLE! A PASSPORT TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED IN MANY AGES!

HEAR MY TALE, MIGHTY JUDGES... AND LET YOUR MERCY ORDAIN MY FATE!



AS THE SPIRIT'S GRIM TALE BEGAN: "I WAS A YOUNG, SHY GIRL, TOO MUCH SHELTERED BY MY FATHER! WHEN HE DIED--"

---HE LEFT HIS ENTIRE FORTUNE TO YOU, MISS FOSTER! THIS FIRM IS HOLDING IT IN TRUST FOR YOU ---OVER **THREE MILLION DOLLARS!**

I---I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT...THESE THINGS! WON'T YOU PLEASE TAKE CHARGE ---OF MY FINANCIAL AFFAIRS?

"THEY WERE VERY CONSIDERATE...PARTICULARLY A YOUNG EXECUTIVE, J. ROGER HENLEY...WHO SAW ME HOME--"

YOUR FATHER SPOKE OF YOU OFTEN, MISS FOSTER---AND NOW THAT I'VE MET YOU, I CAN SEE WHY HE THOUGHT SO HIGHLY OF YOU!

TH-THANK YOU! YOU'RE VERY---KIND!

"AWKWARD AND PLAIN, NEVER HAVING KNOWN ROMANCE I WAS SOON SWEEPED OFF MY FEET BY THIS HANDSOME AND ATTENTIVE YOUNG MAN--"

OH, ROGER---YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!

AND I'M THE HAPPIEST GUY!



"SOON AFTER WE WERE MARRIED I SIGNED OVER MY FORTUNE TO HIM---AND SUDDENLY, HIS ATTITUDE **CHANGED!** INSTEAD OF LOVE AND KINDNESS, I KNEW ONLY SCORN AND RIDICULE!"

GREAT SCOTT, WINIFRED---WE'RE GOING TO THE **OPERA**, NOT A **FUNERAL!** THAT DRESS IS **HIDEOUS**, AND IF YOU'D WEAR MAKE-UP YOU'D BE DOING YOURSELF A FAVOR!

OH!!



"KNOWING WELL MY TIMID AND DEPENDENT NATURE, HE TERRORIZED ME ---KEPT ME ALMOST A PRISONER IN MY OWN HOUSE--"

ROGER DEAR, COULDN'T WE GO TO A MOVIE? WE HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE IN MONTHS AND I THOUGHT---

NO! AND PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT WHEN I'M READING!



"LOWELY AND FRIGHTENED---MY NERVES WERE SOON SHATTERED! WHEN I FINALLY FELL ILL--"

I'M AFRAID IT'S QUITE---**SERIOUS!** I DON'T BELIEVE IN LYING TO MY PATIENTS, MRS. HENLEY---FRANKLY, **YOU'VE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS TO LIVE!**

NO, DOCTOR...NO, NO, NO!



"FATED TO DIE, AND COMFORTED BY NO ONE---THE FOLLOWING WEEKS SAW ME GIVE WAY TO HYSTERIA! ONE MORNING, AWAKING FROM A DRUGGED SLEEP---I FOUND MYSELF BOUND IN A **STRAIGHT-JACKET!**"

YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING HER INTO THE **LUNATIC ASYLUM?**

DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY PART OF THE BARGAIN! SHE'LL BE IN A PADDED CELL FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE!



"SO THAT WAS THE DIABOLICAL PLAN! ROGER INTENDED TO GET RID OF ME... TO ENJOY MY WEALTH AT LIESURE! AS THE NIGHTMARE CONTINUED..."

BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH HER... SHE'S VIOLENT! SPLIT PERSONALITY WITH DELUSIONS OF PERSECUTION... QUITE HOPELESS!

I UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR... WE'LL KEEP HER UNDER LOCK AND KEY!



FOR TEN YEARS I SUFFERED IN THAT LIVING TOMB...UNTIL MERCIFUL DEATH RELEASED ME! NOW I CRAVE REVENGE...ON MY MURDERER!



WHEN THE GRIM JUDGES FINISHED THEIR DELIBERATIONS...

YOUR APPEAL IS GRANTED! FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO ASSIST YOU--SO THAT JUSTICE WILL BE DONE FITTINGLY! HEAR OUR PLAN...



THE NEXT DAY, A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WIDOW WAS USHERED INTO THE LAW OFFICES OF J. ROGER HENLEY...

I'M LOOKING FOR A RELIABLE FIRM TO HANDLE THE EXTENSIVE STOCK HOLDINGS MY HUSBAND LEFT ME! I'M REALLY QUITE INEXPERIENCED IN FINANCIAL MATTERS AND...

YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE, MRS. CARTER...I'LL TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF YOUR AFFAIRS!



PERSONAL WAS THE RIGHT WORD! FOR IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, ROGER AND THE YOUNG WIDOW BECAME FAST FRIENDS...



UNTIL...

MY LIFE WAS EMPTY TILL I MET YOU, MARGO! MY LATE WIFE, POOR DEAR, WAS A HOPELESS LUNATIC...AND UNTIL I MET YOU I THOUGHT THAT HAPPINESS COULD NEVER BE MINE! WILL YOU MAKE ME...THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD?

ROGER--THE

PLEASURE WILL BE ALL MINE!



AND SO...IT WAS AN EARLY MARRIAGE! AFTER THE WEDDING CEREMONY...

WHY NOT LET ME IN ON THE SECRET, SWEET-HEART? YOU SAID WE WERE GOING TO USE YOUR COUNTRY HIDEAWAY FOR THE HONEYMOON... BUT FRANKLY, I NEVER KNEW WE HAD THIS KIND OF COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES!

BE PATIENT, DARLING... I HAVE A SURPRISE WAITING!



AT THE DESTINATION...

HERE WE ARE, DEAR...
EVERYTHING'S BEEN
PREPARED!...JUST
FOR YOU!

FOR A HONEY-
MOON IT LOOKS
RATHER...
GLDDMY!



YOU MEAN...WE'RE
GOING TO SPEND
THE NEXT FEW
WEEKS HERE?

YOU'LL GET
USED TO IT!
LET'S HAVE
DINNER...AND THEN
I HAVE SOMETHING
TO SHOW
YOU!



AFTER A SUMPTUOUS MEAL...

I...I'M GETTING...
DROWSY! CAN'T
KEEP...MY EYES...

QUICK,
DORN...TO
THE WINE CEL-
LAR WITH HIM!
THE DRUG'S
WORKING!



**WHEN CONSCIOUSNESS
RETURNED...**

M-MARGO! WHAT...WHAT
ARE YOU DOING? WHY AM I
TIED THIS WAY? WHAT'S
THE MEANING OF...

SILENCE, FOOL!
SOON YOU WILL
KNOW ALL! AND
DON'T CALL ME
MARGO...
BECAUSE...

**BEFORE HIS HORRIFIED
EYES...**

NO...NO!
IT CAN'T
BE!

BUT IT
IS ME...
WINIFRED! THE
GIRL YOU CONDEMNED
TO LIVING DEATH!
AND NOW THE
TABLES ARE
...TURNED!



WHEN THE GRIM TASK WAS COMPLETED...

DON'T DO
IT...DON'T!
PLEASE!

YOU ASK MY MERCY...MINE? FOOL,
YOU WILL LIVE OUT YOUR YEARS
HERE CHAINED TO A WALL--WITH
ONLY BREAD, WATER, RATS, AND MY
LAUGHTER TO KEEP YOU COM-

PANY! HA
HA HA HA!



NO! NO!
NO!



THUS J. ROGER HENLEY PAID FOR HIS CRIME! SURROUNDED
ONLY BY DARKNESS AND GHOSTLY LAUGHTER--HE LINGERED OUT
HIS HORROR-LADEN YEARS, UNTIL... THE END!

The RAINBOW CURSE





THAT NIGHT--THE NATIVE BEARERS
FLED SILENTLY INTO THE JUNGLE!

THEY WILL
DIE AMONG
THE RAINBOW
PEOPLE,
KILOLO.

YES--AND IT
WILL BE A
DEATH I AM
NOT BRAVE
ENOUGH TO
WATCH!



AT DAYBREAK--

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY
OUR MEN PANICKED--
CURSE OR NOT--MAYBE
THOSE RAINBOW
PEOPLE ARE GONNA
BE TOO MUCH
TO HANDLE!

A GUN CAN HANDLE
ANYTHING, RABB!
IF ANY OF THOSE
WARRIORS RESIST
CAPTURE--WE'RE
GONNA SHOOT
TO KILL!



FOR CENTURIES, THE RAINBOW PEOPLE LIVED PEACEFULLY!
THEIR POWERFUL MAGIC SERVED ONLY ONE PURPOSE--
TO GIVE THEM THE VIVID COLORS THEY LOVED!



NOW THOSE PEACEFUL CENTURIES
ENDED--WITH A SHRIEK!



KIMATHI--
WHO ARE
THOSE
STRANGERS?

ENEMIES!
THEY APPROACH
LIKE SHAKES
--AND CARRY
WEAPONS!



SPREAD OUT,
MEN! WHEN
YOU SEE A
WEAPON--
PLUG 'EM!







TWO MILES BEYOND-- MATSON
BEGAN TO STAGGER!

SUNBURN! YOU'RE
OUT OF YOUR HEAD
-- THE SKY HAS
BEEN OVERCAST,
SINCE DAWN!

I--NEED
A REST,
SYKES, TH'
SUNBURN'S
GOT ME
GROGGY!



YE GODS! M--MY
SKIN WAS PINK JUST
A MOMENT AGO-- AND
NOW IT'S TURNING
RED!



RED--RED!
JUST LIKE
THAT NATIVE
I KILLED!

GREAT GUNS!
THE COLOR'S
CREEPING
OVER HIM
LIKE FLAMES!



YAAOW!

KILL RED-- AND RED
WILL KILL YOU!
HEAVEN ABOVE--
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO
THE REST OF US?



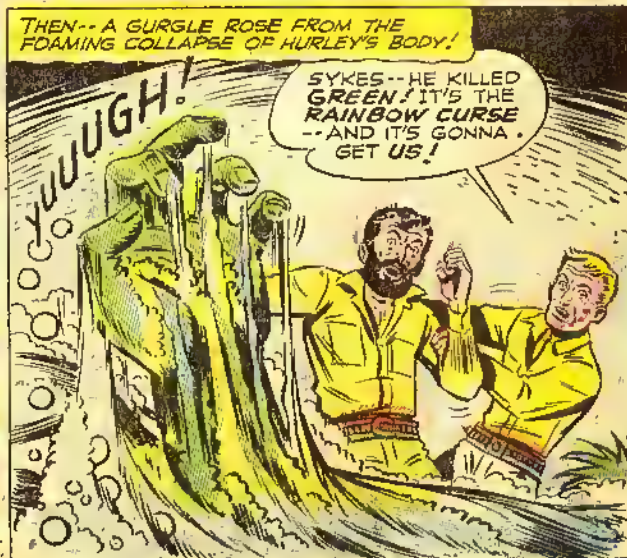
BY THE TIME THEY REACHED CAMP--
THEY NO LONGER HAD TO GUESS!

GET HOLD OF YOURSELF,
HURLEY--BEFORE YOU
GO TO PIECES! YOUR
FACE IS ABSOLUTELY
GREEN!

GREEN!



IT--IT'S
RIPPLING
THROUGH ME!
GREEN--
GREEN--
LIKE SEA
WATER!



THEN-- A GURGLE ROSE FROM THE
FOAMING COLLAPSE OF HURLEY'S BODY!

YUUGH!

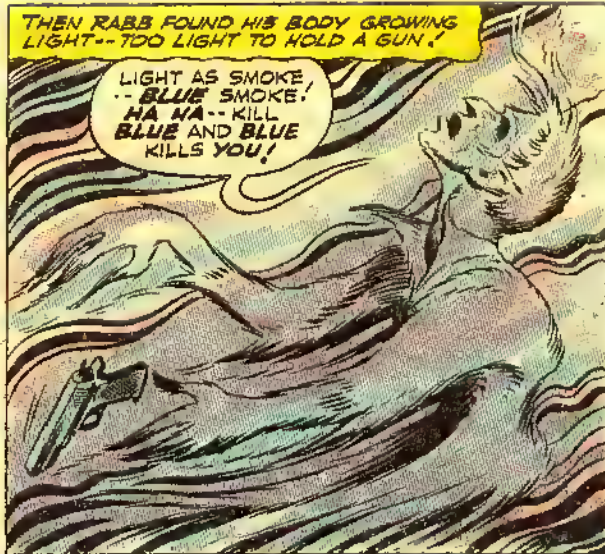
SYKES-- HE KILLED
GREEN-- IT'S THE
RAINBOW CURSE
--AND IT'S GONNA
GET US!



ONE HORRIBLE
MOMENT LATER--

I DON'T WANT
TO DIE LIKE
THAT! I'LL--
SHOOT MYSELF,
FIRST!

IF YOU'RE
GONNA DO
IT, RABB--
YOU'D
BETTER
DO IT
QUICK!



THEN RABB FOUND HIS BODY GROWING
LIGHT-- TOO LIGHT TO HOLD A GUN!

LIGHT AS SMOKE
-- BLUE SMOKE!
HA HA-- KILL
BLUE AND BLUE
KILLS YOU!



AAAAGH!

THAT FINISHES
RABB! THEY'VE
ALL SETTLED
THEIR SCORE WITH
THE RAINBOW
CURSE-- EXCEPT
ME!



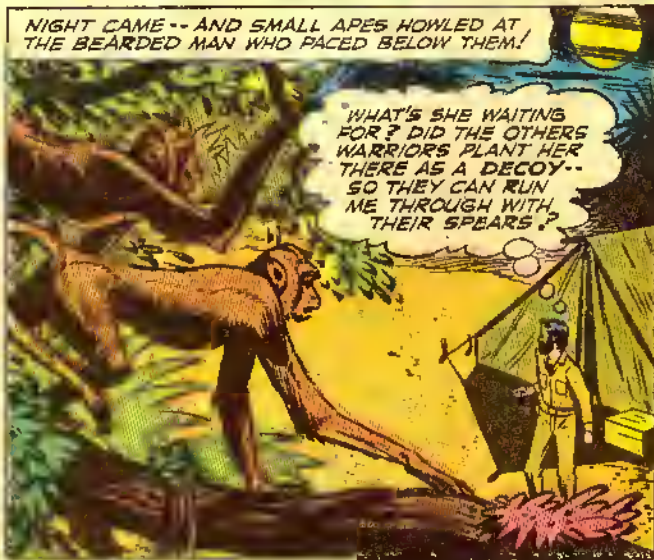
AND YET, THAT
WARRIOR I KILLED WAS
COLORED **VIOLET**! SO
FAR, I'VE MANAGED
TO ESCAPE-- AND MAYBE
IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S
NOTHING VIOLET,
THAT CAN HARM ME.



SURE-- **THAT'S** WHY I'M STILL
ALIVE! FIRE'S **RED** AND SEA
WATER'S **GREEN**-- BUT **VIOLET**
HARDLY EXISTS IN NATURE!
WHAT HAVE I GOT TO
BE AFRAID OF?



SOMEONE'S
WATCHING ME!
IT'S A GIRL--
THE ONE WHO
WAS WITH THAT
NATIVE I
SHOT!



NIGHT CAME-- AND SMALL APES HOWLED AT
THE BEARDED MAN WHO PACED BELOW THEM!

WHAT'S SHE WAITING
FOR? DID THE OTHERS
WARRIORS PLANT HER
THERE AS A DECOY--
SO THEY CAN RUN
ME THROUGH WITH
THEIR SPEARS?



NO--I'M
SURE SHE'S
ALONE! THERE'S
NO ONE IN THE
JUNGLE BUT US
--AND SHE'S
SMILING!
AT ME!



NOW, I GET IT! SHE SAW
ME FIGHT THOSE WARRIORS
--AND I'M ALIVE-- THE
ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR
TO ESCAPE THE RAINBOW
CURSE! WOMEN ARE
ALL ALIKE--THEY
CAN'T RESIST
A HE-MAH!



I'M GONNA HELP YOU FORGET
THAT VIOLET-COLORED WARRIOR,
HONEY. IT'S LIKE A DREAM--
THAT BIG RISING MOON--
AND THE SMELL OF
FLOWERS---



SWIFTLY--A STRANGE, FAINT FRAGRANCE
STOLE THROUGH THE DARKNESS!

FLOWERS!



YOUR COLOR
TAKES VERY
LONG TIME
TO COME,
SYKES!

THIS IS WHAT
YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR--
TO WATCH
ME DIE!



SHE LAUGHED AS THE SWAYING FIGURE ERUPTED INTO
A PURPLE MASS--THE COLOR OF HER DEAD LOVER!

NO--NO!

HA HA HA!



THAT COLOR FILLED THE JUNGLE WITH
THE PERFUME OF DEATH--AND VIOLETS!

YAAAOW!

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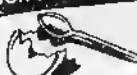
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